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SUBJ: SENATOR PERCY'S CORONATION REPORT

1. USSR AND TRADE AGREEMENT: DURING CORONATION ACTIVITIES IN KATHMANDU, MET INFORMALLY ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS AT THEIR REQUEST WITH SOVIET DEL HEADED BY TURABAY KULATOV, DEP CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDUM. THEIR INITIAL INTEREST CENTERED ON SENATOR JACKSON, EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT HE MIGHT EVER BE ELECTED PRESIDENT AND HIS ACTIVITIES RELATING TO JEWISH EMIGRATION THAT BROUGHT ABOUT FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT TRADE AGREEMENT. I STATED MY OPINION JACKSON OVERPLAYED HIS HAND IN JUDGEMENT OF LARGE PART OF CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PUBLIC, INCLUDING EVEN SOME SEGMENTS OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. BI-PARTISANLY US SUPPORTS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF US-SOVIET DETENTE AND CONTINUED NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONSHIPS DESPITE OUR KNOWN IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. FOR MOST PART, DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ARE RATED WEAK, PERFORMANCE OF DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS HELD IN LOW REGARD BY AMERICAN PEOPLE AND IF PROGRESS IN FOREIGN POLICY REASONABLE FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY, CHANCES FOR FORD-ROCKEFELLER ELECTION VICTORY IN NOVEMBER 76 APPEAR GOOD IN MY JUDGEMENT BUT IN ANY EVENT, UNLESS UNFORSEEN EVENTS OCCUR TO DISCREDIT DETENTE, DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ENVISION ANY BASIC CHANGE IN US POLICY IN THIS REGARD. AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, JACKSON ALREADY CHANGING SOME OF HIS POSITIONS AND FURTHER CHANGES ANTICIPATED. I ASSURED HIM MANY OF US IN CONGRESS ARE DETERMINED TO WORK WITH ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP SUCCESSFUL FORMULA FOR USSR-USA TRADE PACT. I WAS UNABLE TO LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT SOVIET MIL DELEGATION CONSISTING OF GRECHKO, GORSHKOV AND KUTAKHOV CURRENTLY IN NEW DELHI. DEP CHAIRMAN KULATOV EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE NEW TRADE AGREEMENT WOULD BE MADE AND WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. HE SAID ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH USSR NOT CRUCIAL TO USSR AS OTHER MARKETS AND TRADING PARTNERS AVAILABLE TO THEM BUT STRENGTHENING TRADE RELATIONSHIPS WOULD BE FUNDAMENTAL TO ENCOURAGING AND STIMULATING PROGRESS IN MANY OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS.

2. AFGHANISTAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; WE DISCUSSES USSR AID PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN AND I ASSURED KULATOV THAT EVERYTHING BEING DONE BY USSR TO HELP AFGHANISTAN ACHIEVE ITS ECONOMIC GOALS PARTICULARLY IN FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE SUCH AS IMPORTANT FERTILIZER PRODUCTION IS WELCOMED BY US. "IF WE CAN COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN SPACE EXPLORATION AS WE ARE, WE SHOULD CERT-

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AINLY SEEK TO COORDINATE OUR ACTIVITIES IN HELPING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S". KULATOV CONCURRED.

3. MIDDLE EAST: I MENTIONED I HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM MIDDLE EAST AND RECONSIDERED USSR ROLE IMPORTANT IN FINAL PHASES OF SETTLEMENT. AS I UNDERSTOOD OUR EFFORTS, WE WERE UNDERTAKING NOW PAINSTAKING EXPLORATION OF PRELIMINARY DETAILS IN STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS TO HELP ENSURE UNTILATE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

WHERE THEIR ROLE IS RECOGNIZED BY EVERYONE TO BE AN IMPORTANT ONE. MIDDLE EAST PRESENTS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUED US-USSR COOPERATION, ACCORD AND UNDERSTANDING.

I PROMISED I WOULD TRY TO SCHEDULE TRIP TO USSR WITHIN NEXT YEAR OR SO AND EXCHANGED MESSAGES WITH MUTUAL FRIENDS. REGARDING ARAB DELS AND ME CONFLICT ALL SEEMED DEDICATED TO STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ON EVENTUAL SUCCESS AND AFFUSIVE IN PRAISE OF SECRETARY'S ROLE.

4. CHINA: MET ONLY INFORMALLY AND BRIEFLY WITH CHINESE DEL INDICATING THAT AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN AND AMBASSADOR HAMSHU HAVE INTIVED MRS. PERCY AND MYSELF TO DINNER MARCH 5 AND WE UNDERSTAND FROM AMBASSADOR HILLALLY OF PAKISTAN THAT LONG-AWAITED INVITATION TO VISIT CHINA IS ABOUT TO BE EXTENDED. BOTH THE USSR AND PRC DELS MAINTAINED LOW PROFILE AT CORONATION AND SEEMED TO AVOID EACH OTHER.

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5. ARMS EMBARGO: REGARDING FURTHER INDIAN REACTION TO EMBARGO,  
HAD LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH SIR JOHN KERR, GOVERNOR GENERAL  
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OF AUSTRALIA, WHO MEETS WITH PRIME MINISTER GHANDI LATER THIS  
WEEK. HE AGREED TO STRONGLY ADVISE INDIA TO ADOPT RESTRAINED  
REACTION TO LIFTING OF EMBARGO. I FULLY BRIEFED HIM ON ARGU-  
MENTS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT TO ME AND HE ALSO INDICATED HE  
WOULD TRANSMIT PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO MRS. GHANDI ON THIS  
MATTER. I ALSO EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR TIKKI KAUL'S BROTHER,  
WHO WAS IN KATHMANDU, MY CONCERN ABOUT LOBBYING EFFORTS OF  
HIS BROTHER WITH CONGRESS AND SAID THAT I HAD TOLD HIS BROTHER  
THAT HE WAS STRONGLY OVER-REACTING, THAT FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT WARRANT SUCH AN INTENSE RESPONSE AND  
WOULD GAIN NOTHING FOR INDIA. I HOPED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD  
BE MORE RESTRAINED. AT CAROL LAISE'S SUGGESTION, I MET FOR  
BETTER THAN AN HOUR WITH MAHARAJA SCINDIA OF GWALLOR M.P.-A YOUNG  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WHOSE MOTHER IS ALSO AN M.P. HE IS ARTI-  
CULATE, OUTSPOKEN AND MARRIED TO A BEAUTIFUL NEPALESE WIFE.  
AFTER A BRIEF HOLIDAY IN NEPAL HE WILL RETURN TO NEW DELHI AND  
AT MY SUGGESTION WILL CALL ON AMBASSADOR SAXBE IF INVITED TO DO SO.  
HE  
ASKED THAT I CONFIRM TO HIM IN WRITING OUR POSITION ON EMBARGO  
VERBALLY GIVEN TO HIM AND HE WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER GIVING  
SPEECH ON SUBJECT IN PARLIAMENT ON THIS MATTER.

6. CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES: HAD GOOD TALK WITH  
SHAH'S YOUNGER BROTHER PRINCE GHOLAN REZA PAHLAVI AND IRANIAN  
AMBASSADOR AS WELL AS PAKISTAN DEL ON CERDS. THEY CONCUR  
MEXICO WAS TOTALLY MISGUIDED IN PRESSURE THEY EXERTED AND  
STAKING THEIR NATIONAL PRESTIGE ON CHARTER WHICH EVERYONE NOW  
RECOGNIZES AS WORTHLESS. I EXPRESSED MY PERSONAL INTEREST IN  
HELPING TO WORK OUT REVISIONS SHOULD GROUP OF 77 AND PARTI-  
CULARLY MEXICO SO DESIRE. BOTH COUNTRIES INDICATED THEY WOULD  
TAKE LEADING ROLE IN URGING NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO DEVELOP  
CHARTER THAT CAN BE UNIVERSALLY SUPPORTED. BOTH CONSIDER IT

POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT TO HELP BRIDGE GAP OF MISUNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS.

7. AFGAN-PAK CONFLICT AND STEPS TOWARD EASING SITUATION:  
I HAVE LEFT MY NOTES ON ALL NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR CARGO  
WHO WILL FILE HIS OWN COMPLETE REPORT.

8. CONCLUSIONS ON CORONATION AND PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS:  
SOOTHSAYERS HIT THE WEATHER PERFECTLY AND TONE AND APPROACH  
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OF GON JUST RIGHT. BACK-UP BY DEPARTMENT, NEPAL DESK, AMB  
AND MRS. CARGO, AND ALL AMERICAN EMBASSY AND PERSONNEL AND  
SPOUSES MAGNIFICENT. NEPAL-US RELATIONS SEEM EXCELLENT AND  
CONFIRMED IN TALKS WITH KING AND ALL MINISTERS. NEPALESE-  
INDIAN RELATIONS HAVE DETERIORATED SINCE MY 1973 VISIT. BUCHENS  
PROVIDED FINE LEADERSHIP AND THE US DELEGATION COMPATIBLE,  
SOBER AND GAINING WEIGHT. COST OF DEL SMALL FRACTION OF  
PHILIPPINES AS IMELDA MARCOS ARRIVED WITH DELEGATION OF 44.  
I MAY HAVE JUSTIFIED EXPENSES ON THIS TRIP BUT COME BACK  
COMPLETELY DEFLATED AS A RESULT OF STANDING NEXT TO LORD  
MOUNTBATTEN FOR ENDLESS HOURS AT CORONATION CEREMONIES WITH  
BLANK CHEST IN CONTRAST WITH HIS HUNDREDS OF MEDALS AND DECOR-  
ATIONS WHICH I ESTIMATE TAKES HIM NO LESS THAN THREE HOURS  
EACH MORNING TO PIN ON. HE ARRIVES US SECOND WEEK OCTOBER AND  
HOPES TO SEE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. THANKS FOR PRIV-  
ILEGE OF BEING INCLUDED. LORAINNE WAS IN ECSTASY.  
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